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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): N. TAMURA  
Serial No.: (not yet assigned)  
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For: VACUUM PROCESSING DEVICE AND VACUUM  
PROCESSING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 10, 2003

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment to the Title;  
Amendment to the Specification and Abstract;  
Amendments to the Claims; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.